MODIFIED PTO/SB/08a (05-07)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Not for submission under 37 CFR 1.99)

	Approved for use through 11/30/2007.
Application Number	10/616,227
Confirmation Number	2250
Filing Date	July 10, 2003
First Named Inventor	Kazuhiko NAGANO
Art Unit	2828
Examiner Name	Tod Thomas VAN ROY
Attorney Docket Number	Q76484

U.S. PATENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No	Patent Number	Kind Code ¹	Issue Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
	1	5,500,869		1996-03-19	Yoshida et al.	

U.S. PATENT APPLICATION PUBLICATIONS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No	Publication Number Kind Code ¹ Publication Date Name of Patentee or Applicant of cited Document Where Relevant Passages				
	1					

	FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initials*	Cite No	Foreign Document Number ³	Country Code ²	Kind Code ⁴	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T⁵
	1	6-334262	JP		1994-12-02	MITSUBISHI ELECTRIC CORP		Corres' to US '869

		NON-PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS	
Examiner Initials*	Cite No	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, (ty, and/or country where published.	T ⁵
	1		

EXAMINER SIGNATURE				
Examiner	Date			
Signature	Considered			

^{*}EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through a citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ See, Knd Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.USPTO.GOV or MPEP 901.04.2 Enter office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST3, 3, For Japanee patent document, she indication of the year of the region of the Emperor must precede the sential number of the patent orcoment. 4 kind of document with the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. 5 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached.